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# FIELD CROPS

## POTATO STOCKS

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### POTATO STOCKS UP 3 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 197 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, 2003, up 3 percent from last year but 16 percent below 2001. Storage accounts for 48 percent of the 2002 fall storage State's production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Stocks by type are 3 percent red, 9 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 86 percent russet. There are more reds and round whites but fewer long whites and russets than a year ago.

Disappearance, at 213 million cwt, from the start of harvest to February 1, is up 9 percent from the same period last year but 5 percent below two years ago. January disappearance was 34.7 million cwt, up 7 percent from a year ago but 15 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.4 million cwt, is up 3 percent from last year but 22 percent below two years ago.

Processors used 109 million cwt of 2002 crop potatoes so far this season, up 13 percent from a year ago but 4 percent below two years ago. January usage of 16.3 million cwt is 2 percent above last year but 9 percent below two years ago. Dehydrators used 23.7 million cwt to date.

Western States held 144 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, up 5 percent from last year but 16 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are up 7 percent from last year and Colorado's are up 36 percent. California's stocks are 63 percent above last year and Montana's are up 10 percent. Washington's potato stocks are equal to last year, while Oregon's storage is down 14 percent.

Central States account for 42.3 million cwt of potato stocks this February 1, down 6 percent from last year and 14 percent below two years ago. North Dakota's stocks dropped 23 percent, Minnesota slipped 4 percent, and Wisconsin is down 2 percent from a year earlier. Potato stocks in Nebraska are up 22 percent from last year, Michigan is up 15 percent, and Ohio's small remainder is double last year's level.

Eastern States stored 11.5 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, up 5 percent from last year but 15 percent below the 2000 crop. Maine's stocks are up 7 percent and New York's are up 10 percent from a year ago, while Pennsylvania's have dropped 15 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2002 and 2003 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 2001			Crop of 2002		
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2002	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2003	February as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	1,424	800	56	4,450	1,300	29
Colorado	21,357	11,000	52	27,885	15,000	54
Idaho	120,200	68,000	57	133,385	72,500	54
Maine	16,430	8,900	54	16,960	9,500	56
Michigan	13,950	4,800	34	13,878	5,500	40
Minnesota	18,425	9,500	52	18,700	9,100	49
Montana	3,296	2,630	80	3,224	2,900	90
Nebraska	8,400	3,200	38	8,611	3,900	45
New York	5,942	1,000	17	5,500	1,100	20
North Dakota	26,400	14,500	55	23,460	11,200	48
Ohio	1,097	60	5	1,008	120	12
Oregon	20,730	14,000	68	27,936	12,000	48
Pennsylvania	3,173	1,000	32	2,590	850	33
Washington	94,400	40,000	42	95,200	40,000	42
Wisconsin	31,955	12,800	40	31,125	12,500	40
Total 15 States	387,179	192,190	50	410,912	197,470	48

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

**POTATOES:** Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2000-2002 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
1,000 cwt									
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2000	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150	61,200	73,390
	2002	28,380	34,860	41,200					
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2000	1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001	1,975	2,440	3,110	3,700	4,285	4,775	5,515	7,195
	2002	2,275	2,720	3,300					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2000	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001	29,320	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,970	61,360	69,400	77,180
	2002	33,680	39,490	45,640					
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	2000	12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001	13,270	15,325	19,060	22,255	24,865	28,095	30,810	36,300
	2002	13,275	15,720	18,960					
Total	2000	78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001	65,505	80,405	96,330	114,725	131,830	148,380	166,925	194,065
	2002	77,610	92,790	109,100					
Dehydrated <sup>4/</sup>	<sup>5/</sup> 2000								51,946
	<sup>5/</sup> 2001								38,581
	2002	15,660	19,655	23,690					

<sup>1/</sup> Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI. <sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only. <sup>3/</sup> MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2000 and 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002. <sup>4/</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI. <sup>5/</sup> No monthly data available.

**FALL POTATOES:** Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1993 through 2002

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 <sup>1/</sup>
1,000 Cwt								
1993	376,954	249,410	217,300	185,490	153,435	115,170	72,860	
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	410,912	265,890	232,140	197,470				

<sup>1/</sup> Data not available prior to 1998.